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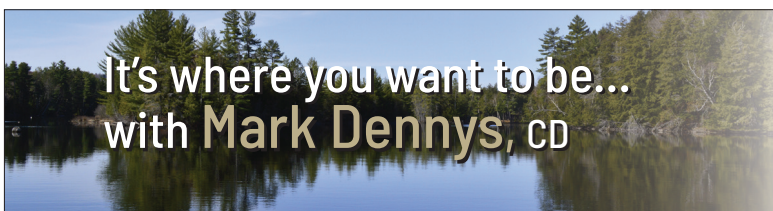
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## Christmas tradition

The Snow Queen, played by Claire Karaguesian, takes to the air during a matinee performance for students of The Nutcracker ballet on Friday, Nov. 30 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Shows were held this past weekend. See page 12 for more. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Councillors say farewell to Murray Fearrey

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Last week marked the final Dysart et al and Haliburton County council meetings for longtime Mayor (previously Reeve) Murray Fearrey.

Fearrey, who's held municipal office for more than four decades, received a stand-

ing ovation at the conclusion of a Nov. 27 Dysart council meeting after being praised by Councillor Walt McKechnie.

"Murray, when you look around this community, at all the things . . . the hospital, the school, Sir Sanford [Fleming College], you were a big part of that . . . the library, the streetscape, our park, the arena, the skateboard [park], the three condos . . ." McKechnie said, listing some

of the projects that have been completed during Fearrey's tenure.

"Walk out of here today with your head so high," McKechnie said. "When you walk down the street, and drive into town, look at all the great accomplishments. You're the leader. You were the driving force behind that."

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## Student housing proposed for college

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Planner/surveyor/engineer Greg Bishop is planning to construct student housing for the Haliburton School of Art + Design/Fleming College campus.

Bishop visited Dysart et al councillors during a Nov. 27 meeting to provide them with an overview of the project. It will require the severance of nearly three hectares of property from a nearly 16-hectare lot off of College Drive near Glebe Park. That location is an easy walk or bike ride away from the campus, where lack of student housing has been an ongoing issue for years.

"That further lot was always, in my mind, for this," Bishop said of the site.

"I've been in talks with Sir Sanford Fleming [College] for a couple of years now," he said, adding he'd recently spoken with the college's new president.

"I'm passionate about this, not for me, I'm passionate about this for the county," Bishop said. "At the end of the day, whether they own it, I own it, we jointly own it, it does not matter."

Bishop said research has shown that most of the rental revenue from the

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# Danielsen warden for 2019

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen will be warden of Haliburton County for 2019, or at least in all likelihood.

Danielsen was the sole member of Haliburton County council to put her name forward for the position in advance of a late October deadline. Each year, county councillors select from among themselves who will serve as warden – the head of council, and key representative of the county at large – for the year. Haliburton County council is comprised of the mayor and deputy mayor of each of the county’s four lower-tier municipalities.

A caveat is that Danielsen be re-appointed as deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands. Algonquin Highlands councillors vote from among themselves who will serve as the municipality’s deputy mayor each term. The new Algonquin Highlands council, along with the councils of the county’s other lower tiers, is being sworn in this week. Danielsen reclaimed her seat as a Ward 2 councillor in the township by acclamation in the October election. She has held the post for two terms and has also been deputy mayor, and therefore a member of county council, for the past eight years. She also held the new position of deputy warden for 2018.

Danielsen said during a Nov. 28 county council meeting that it was her understanding she had the required support in Algonquin Highlands to again become deputy mayor, and thanked her county council colleagues for their support.

The warden is sworn in at a December inaugural meeting.



## Century 21 gives to 4Cs food bank

Haliburton’s 4Cs treasurer Judy MacDuff receives a \$500 cheque for the food bank on Nov. 29 in front of the Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc. office in Haliburton. From left, realtor Fred Heinzler, administration manager Heather Phillips, owner Anne Hodgson, MacDuff, owner Andrew Hodgson, realtor Mark Dennys, and realtor Brandon Nimigon. The donation comes from all 30 agents and is part of the local realtors’ commitment to giving back. They have been contributing to local food banks for the last eight years. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Pre-trial scheduled for William Savage

William Savage was in court for a pre-trial Nov. 13 and a continuing judicial pre-trial is scheduled for Dec. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lindsay courthouse.

Savage is a Fenelon Falls man charged with the murder of David Palmer, whose remains were found in the Haliburton area in 2015. Savage was charged with first-degree murder on Oct. 26, 2016, in connection with the death of Palmer, a 47-year-old Bowmanville man whose remains were found in May 2015.

At the time of the arrest, OPP confirmed that Savage and Palmer were known to each other. Palmer was last seen on Oct. 2, 2015 outside of Pontypool and his vehicle was found on Oct. 14 near Spruce Lake Trail.

A trial date has not yet been set.

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# Murray Fearrey congratulates incoming council

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Earlier in the meeting, Fearrey wished departing Councillors Dennis Casey and Susan Norcross, along with their colleagues well, and the new council good luck.

"I think we've had a pretty good council," he said of the past term, thanking chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee and township staff for their work and co-operation over the years.

"I think it's appropriate, too, to congratulate the new members of council coming on, and Mayor Andrea Roberts, and I wish her success in the years ahead," Fearrey said. "I think it's going to be a challenge. It always is."

The following day at the last county council meeting of the term, Fearrey and outgoing Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch received gifts from their colleagues.

Fearrey left his county councillors with this piece of advice:

"Take your time and make your decisions. Don't rush. That's my biggest mistake I've made many times in my life."



Dysart et al Councillor Walt McKechnie, right, praises outgoing Mayor Murray Fearrey during a Nov. 27 council meeting. After more than four decades in public office, Fearrey sat in his final Dysart and county council meetings of the term. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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# Barry Devolin to discuss North Korean defectors

JENN WATT

Editor

Barry Devolin is best known locally for serving as the riding's MP for 11 years, but politics isn't the core of his interest. He says he sees himself primarily as a traveller, who spent some time in politics.

His interest started in his teens when he visited Greece, Mexico and The Netherlands, the latter on a one-year exchange.

Two decades ago, he and his wife Ursula travelled to South Korea to teach English and when Devolin was MP, he further cultivated his relationship with that country.

"When I was elected in 2004, I went off to Ottawa to do my thing, but in 2006 the government was looking for individual members who would work as a liaison with different new Canadian communities. I volunteered. When I saw the list and saw Korea was on it, I picked that one," he recalls.

Named assistant deputy speaker in 2008, Devolin had to separate himself from the partisan side of his work with Korea, but he was able to continue working on human rights issues.

Seven years later, after leaving politics altogether, he says it was the "logical stepping stone" for the family to move to South Korea, where Devolin became a professor of public administration and politics to international students.

He began researching the challenges facing North Korean defectors living in South Korea.

His observations on this group as well as the history of the two countries will form the basis of his talk, Strangers in their Own Land, part of the Yours Outdoors speaker series, Telling Our Stories. His talk is Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery and will include the research Devolin has done into the parallels between the lives of North Korean defectors and some of the barriers facing Indigenous people from remote communities in Canada who move to the country's more urban spaces.

"That's where the phrase Strangers in their Own Land comes from, because in both cases the people involved are not in a foreign country; they're still in their own country. And yet they're having challenges and difficulties in many cases greater than a typical refugee or newcomer. People coming to South Korea from Mongolia or from Vietnam were often more accepted in social situations than North Korean defectors," he says.



Former MP Barry Devolin will be speaking on Dec. 12 about North Korean defectors in South Korea and the parallels that exist with Indigenous people from remote communities moving to Canada's urban areas. /DARREN LUM File photo

He says sometimes the defectors were seen by South Koreans as needing to be deprogrammed from their previous lives.

"The perception would be, we got on the right path of capitalism and liberal democracy and those things and the North Koreans they're just malprogrammed and they're brainwashed," Devolin says of the perspective some hold, which can make it hard for North Korean defectors to integrate fully into South Korean society.

This can lead to discrimination against North Koreans, who can be identified through their regional dialect.

In this way, they share an injustice with Indigenous people in Canada: "How they feel deeply and systematically discriminated against. And they feel like that because they are. It's not a misperception."

The conflict between North Korea and South Korea

should be of particular interest to the world today as it is one of the few remaining vestiges of the Second World War and Cold War.

"The last couple years we've had all these anniversaries related to World War One and World War Two and things from the 20th century," Devolin says. "Well, the reality on the Korean Peninsula today is a consequence of World War Two and subsequently the Cold War. To us it's all over now; in Korea it's not over. When you go to the DMZ [demilitarized zone], the guy on the other side [of the border] with a machine gun with real bullets in it, that's the Cold War. You can personally confront it. ... It's not gone in Korea. It's still there."

Devolin and his family moved back to Haliburton recently and he has started working in the travel industry, as a tour director for DeNure Tours and is starting his own tour company to take small groups on trips.

He says travel has the potential to broaden people's horizons and expand their understanding of the world. He hopes to make travel more accessible for more people.

Barrie Martin, owner of Yours Outdoors and an organizer of the speaker series along with Sean Pennylegion, said the goal of the series is to connect the Haliburton audience with people who have travelled the world.

Telling Our Stories speaker series is in its third year and has consistently attracted sizeable audiences to its venue at the fish hatchery in Haliburton.

"People are just fascinated with stories. If you can't go to Iceland or climb a mountain ... you [can] live vicariously through other people's stories," Martin says.

In the past, the series has included ice skater Kurt Browning, artist Mary Anne Barkhouse, Ted Barris, author of *Victory at Vimy*, radio personality Mike Jaycock, and many others.

Martin says he hopes the series inspires more people to travel.

"Maybe they're keen to go and [after listening to the talk] have a bit more information and awareness and confidence to travel themselves," he says.

Proceeds from all speaker series talks are divided between Yours Outdoors, the speaker, and a local conservation group. Donations in the past have gone to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Friends of Environmental and Ecological Learning, field naturalists, wildlife rehab and others.

Upcoming speakers in the new year include foresters Peter Hynard and Ernie Demuth, former Ontario attorney general Michael Bryant, and guitar maker William Laskin.

Barry Devolin's talk, Strangers in Their Own Land, is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the fish hatchery. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by going to <https://www.yoursoutdoors.ca/event/1121/telling-our-stories-speakers-series> or by calling 705-754-3436 or 705-457-7557.

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# Peter Fearrey remembered by HHHS

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 29 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

CEO Carolyn Plummer expressed grief and condolences at the passing of Peter Fearrey, who worked for HHHS for 43 years, and was director of facilities and special projects. Fearrey passed away on Nov. 26 in his 62nd year.

"It's had a tremendous impact across the organization," Plummer said. "He also has many family members who work at the organization, many close friends, and certainly many colleagues who have worked with him for a number of years and developed a close relationship. And so it's been devastating for the organization.

Plummer expressed condolences to Fearrey's family. "Our hearts go out to the family," she said. "We are all thinking about Peter and his contributions."

"Everywhere you go in here . . . you cannot go anywhere in any of our facilities without seeing some sign of Peter, in some way, shape or form," Plummer said, motioning to the boardroom floor itself. "Even the floor that we walk on, that was a project that he led."

## Reducing the deficit

HHHS is chipping away at reducing a deficit that, at the end of July, was \$250,000 for the fiscal year. That deficit was due largely to ongoing operating deficits at the organization's long-term care facilities, as well as some revenues that had been frozen by the province.

"Obviously, the bleeding needed to be stopped, and hopefully turned around," said finance committee chairman David Gray.

Halfway through the fiscal year, the deficit had been reduced to approximately \$134,000, and the organization's goal is to have it eliminated by the end of March.

A new management plan that is being put in place is expected to help with that.

"Obviously, the management plan that was put in place after the September meeting, it takes time for that to come into fruition," Gray said.

He said it was possible costs may spike due to factors such as the severity of this year's flu season.

"Like a lot of things in life, there's a lot of variables that come into play," he said.

"And the biggest one of all is political uncertainty," Gray said, saying the organization had a large number of items totalling nearly \$1 million it had requested funding for from the province.

## Chief of staff succession

HHHS is seeking a new chief of staff, a position that has traditionally been filled by a physician working at the organization.

"Currently, unfortunately, there are no candidates among our current, active staff," said current chief of staff Dr. Kristy Gammon, explaining that HHHS's medical advisory committee has recommended advertising for the position, "hoping that somebody with a strong skill set is existing within our community."

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*Everywhere you go in here . . . you cannot go anywhere in any of our facilities without seeing some sign of Peter, in some way, shape or form.*

— Carolyn Plummer



## HHHS Foundation launches Cash for Care

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board chairman Peter Oyler speaks at the launch of the foundation's annual Cash for Care lottery fundraiser, which this year offers more chances to win. With a total of \$25,000 in cash prizes, this year's lottery will offer four early bird draws. Those draws, for \$500 each, will take place Feb. 14, March 15, April 15 and May 15, respectively. Three final draws, for cash prizes of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$20,000, will be held May 30. The foundation is offering seven tickets for \$100 – the previous deal was six for \$100. Three tickets can be purchased for \$50, or single tickets for \$20 each. Call the lottery hotline at 705-457-1580./CHAD INGRAM Staff

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## Long legacy

**D**YSART ET AL and the County of Haliburton owe a debt of gratitude to Murray Fearrey.

Reeve of Dysart et al for most of the last four decades (the position was renamed mayor last year), he has played a key role in the development of many of the institutions we cherish today.

Stroll through Head Lake Park and you will see his name on a plaque commemorating the year it was completed – 1982.

Visit the medical centre and you are again in a space Fearrey played a role in creating.

An *Echo* article published in 2006 detailed his long career starting in 1971 as a councillor with Dysart et al, focused on bringing a sewage system to the town of Haliburton.

He was instrumental in having the “provisional” county label removed, allowing the Highlands to access the same benefits as other full-fledged counties in the province.

Later, he would step up for health services, helping to convince the rest of council that the county should guarantee a \$6 million loan to the HHHS Foundation, allowing the construction of the Highlands’ two health-care facilities.

When Fleming College needed to expand, again Fearrey was crucial to its progress.

“Fearrey and then cabinet minister Chris Hodgson were key political players in getting provincial funding for a new college,” the *Echo* article states. “... Fearrey, for his part, promised stakeholders that the municipality would provide land for free and guarantee it was ser-

viced...”

As a politician, Fearrey is accustomed to disagreement. His decisions weren’t universally popular and he’s the first to say that’s to be expected.

He was fiscally conservative, a pragmatist, and liked to take a slow, considered approach to spending. He also did much of his work behind the scenes – a practice that did not sit well with everyone.

Whether you agreed with his political viewpoint or not, most people recognize that in his time in office Fearrey saw his purpose as protecting and improving Dysart et al and the broader county.

Councillor Walt McKechnie thanked Fearrey for his work at the last meeting for this term of council.

“When you walk down the street, and drive into town, look at all the great accomplishments,” McKechnie said. “You’re the leader. You were the

driving force behind that.”

The next time council gathers, there will be new faces around the table and a new mayor, Andrea Roberts, guiding discussion.

They may decide to take the municipality in a different direction. Things may change.

But every decision from here on out will benefit from the foundation built by Fearrey – and the many other dedicated councillors and reeves who worked with him and before him – to create the community we all love.

And for that we should say thank you. Fearrey’s lifelong commitment and hard work has helped make the Haliburton Highlands what it is today.



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## Editorial

## Sankalpa

**I**F YOU TALK to any yogi, they will tell you that one of their favourite parts of the practice is “yoga nidra.” Yoga nidra can be practised at the end of a regular yoga class, or it can be done on its own any time of the day. It is a practice of deep rest for the body and mind.

The instructor guides the yogi on a journey into the interior of their body to connect with the vast inner world that exists below the layer of the skin.

There are many formats that an instructor can use. Typically the practice begins with a guided relaxation lasting five to 10 minutes that guides the yogi to relax everything from the bones to the muscles to the organs.

I recently had an instructor say to the class that they need to allow the bones to drop.

“The bones hold the vitality, the deep life force, the marrow, the qi/prana in Chinese medicine. When your bones drop the deepest reserve of life force begins to settle and rest.”

I really love these positive, encouraging images and information. Who doesn’t need time for our deepest life force to rest and settle during the Christmas season? I think we all do.

Once the yogi is totally relaxed and settled, the instructor may encourage the yogi to think of a “sankalpa.” This is an intention.

The yogi connects with his/her heart’s deepest desire and states it three times as if it was already true. For example, “I move through my day with ease and joy.”

I currently have a frozen shoulder. When I do my yoga nidra prac-

tice, I state my sankalpa so that my thoughts and emotions are pointed in the same positive direction towards the shoulder. I visualize my shoulder moving easily with its full range of motion as I say to myself, “My shoulder is strong and moves with ease and freedom”.

The yogis say it is important to not judge the frozen shoulder. It is just one of the many possibilities that a human being can experience. In other words: be kind and accepting. Feel the joy you will have when the

shoulder has healed. Let that energy move through your body every day.

When stating the sankalpa it is as if the yogi is talking to the body from the heart and the mind and believing that the body has its own ability to heal and get strong. So even though I can’t do sun salutations right now in my practice, when I do my own yoga nidra at the end of each day

I visualize my body moving with ease and strength and flexibility as I quietly state my positively worded sankalpa. There are many online free guided yoga nidras and one site that I found offers a practice that focuses on helping you get to sleep: <https://www.doyogawithme.com/content/yoga-nidra-sleep>.

As we move through Christmas and New Year’s celebrations you can use yoga nidra and/or a sankalpa or positive affirmation throughout your day. You literally talk your cells positively through the shopping, the cooking, the hosting and the sleeping. I say it’s worth a try. It’s simple and you might just find it really helps.



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by Darren Lum

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# points of view

## Dog beds

**I**F MY VAST experience with dogs is any indication at all, pet product manufacturers should be making a dog bed that looks exactly like our couch. Trust me; it would be a hit with the canine demographic.

I know this because the expensive dog bed we bought does not look like our couch in the least, and therefore it is getting no use. That's due to the fact our Labrador retriever Millie spends about 95 per cent of her waking and sleeping hours on the couch – the one that we used to use.

OK, I misled you when I said the new dog bed we bought gets no use. It actually gets used plenty, but only when I watch TV. And I must say it's incredibly comfortable and, since it's designed for a mid-sized dog, roomy too.

Yet, and who knows why, Millie seems to prefer the couch.

I know what most dog owners are probably thinking. Where can I get one?

Well, you can find them locally or in big box furniture stores – and, take it from me, your dog will love it. Especially if you cover it in a big warm blanket like we do.

Those who don't own a dog might be asking, "Why don't you just kick the dog off the couch?"

Ha! Let me guess. You've probably been watching too much TV and have been taken in by movies like *All Dogs Go to*

*Heaven*. This, by the way, is a ridiculous premise for a movie since not all dogs go to heaven.

Why would I say that? Well, because that would mean they'd have to leave the couch. And, if my experience is any indication, they just don't.

It has got to the point where kicking Millie off the couch is now one of the few things left on my bucket list. I have tried it a couple of times but she just returns this sad look that says, "Sure, kick me off the couch. Some best friend you turned out to be."

Then, perhaps because I am overly sensitive because we had to put down our other dog Callie last week, I go get her a bowl of chips, the TV remote and a big glass of water.

The point here is she knows what she likes and I imagine it's what she probably refers to as the deluxe dog bed package.

Don't get me wrong. Millie's not selfish about it.

I mean, if you ask politely she'll allow you to have a corner of the couch too. Although, this generally means you have to rub her feet.

Meanwhile, the dog bed sits on the floor.

This morning, I noticed that and thought this was getting kind of silly. I mean we bought her a perfectly good dog bed. It occurred to me that Millie is probably taking advantage of my good nature.

So, I have decided that I will not be run by a dog. After all, a couch is no place for a dog to spend most of its sleeping and waking hours. They're not teenagers.

I know it's probably a little harsh but she's going to have to use the dog bed like everyone else. Honestly, it's for the best.

Besides, the cats are not exactly pleased about all this.



steve  
galea

Loon Tales



## pic of the past

**I**n June 1954 plans for an outpost hospital in Minden were completed and a local campaign was organized to raise a minimum of \$13,000. The balance was provided by grants from the provincial and federal governments and the Red Cross Society. On June 29, 1955 the Minden Red Cross Hospital was officially opened by Premier Leslie M. Frost, assisted by the president of the Minden Red Cross, Mr. Archie Stouffer, Mr. L.M. Stringer, commissioner of Ontario Red Cross, and Miss Ida Brand, director. After the December Red Cross meeting, a few months after the Minden Hospital was opened, the president, Archie Stouffer helped Mrs. Reynolds prepare the Christmas cake. /From the *Echo* archives

## Choose eco-friendly gifts

While many people dream of a "white" Christmas, painting the holidays a shade or two of green isn't a bad colour scheme to add to the mix.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is promoting eco-friendly ideas to add to the holiday festivities this year.

"Going green this holiday season is a great gift because we all benefit from a healthier planet," says Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit. "The reality is that climate change and pollution can – and are already starting to – affect human health."

As examples, Shikaze points to climate change impacts like extreme heat, severe storms, flooding, wildfires, and the spread of new diseases like Lyme which are affecting local communities. "No one is immune to these problems, so taking action to reduce the effects of climate change is in our interests," she notes. "Many people taking small eco-friendly actions together can make a world of difference."

To add green to your holiday plans, the health unit provides these eco-friendly ideas:

- Deck the halls differently. Avoid plastic decorations, and try making your own wreath, centrepiece and ornaments out of pine cones, gourds, or plants. Make it a fam-

ily activity and cut out snowflakes from scrap paper to decorate your walls. If you're not crafty, use eco-friendly items made from paper, wood, glass and recycled fabrics. Garlands made of popcorn, cinnamon sticks, fabric bows, gingerbread pieces, seasonal berries and fruit/vegetables can also be beautiful and fragrant. Even better, they can be composted after the holidays or put outside for birds to enjoy.

- Light up the holidays by making a switch. If you haven't done so, LED lights can be a great choice. While upfront costs are a bit higher, LED lights use less energy, last longer and will reduce your electricity bill over the long run.

- Put a different wrap on things. Wrapping presents in traditional wrapping paper and foil wraps isn't always ideal, especially if the paper/wrap cannot be recycled and will just end up in the trash. Instead, opt for colourful cloth or fabric bags – or even a tote – to wrap your presents. You can even be creative by wrapping with newspaper, comics, or posters that are recyclable. Personalize a present even more by wrapping it with scrap paper on which your kids have drawn or written on holiday pictures, themes or wishes.

- Give the gift of green. Less can be more

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## BOONiEVILLE





# Williams Treaties settlement a step in reconciliation

SUE TIFFIN and JENN WATT

Staff

Seven Williams Treaties First Nations have reached a negotiated settlement agreement for the Alderville Litigation with the federal and provincial government.

The litigation deals with a longstanding treaty-related dispute about the making, terms, interpretation and implementation of the 1923 Williams Treaties. The parties had been working together toward a negotiated resolution since March 2017.

The Williams Treaties cover land in central and southern Ontario, around Lake Simcoe, the Muskoka region, east to the Ottawa River, including land that is now Haliburton County.

"In their litigation, the First Nations allege that the Crown breached its duties to them in the making and implementation of the Williams Treaties," reads the Government of Canada's Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada website.

"In particular, the First Nations allege that they were not fairly compensated for their lands and should have received additional reserve lands at the time of treaty. Harvesting rights are another key issue raised in the litigation. The First Nations maintain that the pre-Confeder-

ation treaties they signed with the Crown protected harvesting rights and that those rights were not affected by the Williams Treaties and continue to exist."

The Alderville Litigation was first filed in 1992 by the seven First Nations – Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and went to trial in 2012.

In an interview with the *Haliburton Echo* in the summer of 2017, Doug Williams, an elder and knowledge keeper at the Curve Lake First Nation explained some of the more recent history of the Haliburton area.

Prior to 1923, the land now covered by the Williams Treaties was part of First Nations territory.

"That's when we signed the treaty with the government to turn over that area. Before that it was aboriginal territory and land and all resources belonged to us," Williams said.

The Williams Treaties (one of the three-person commission was named Angus Williams – no relation to Doug Williams) are key to the history of settlement in the Highlands.

"For the Haliburton area that's an important treaty. That's how they are there legally. But much was taken from there and never been compensated," Williams said.

In a press release following news of the settlement, parties said they were pleased with the final outcome.

"After years of litigation and repeated attempts at negotiations, I am extremely proud that the negotiations team has successfully resolved our longstanding battle for constitutionally protected hunting and fishing rights," said Chief Kelly LaRocca, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Portfolio Chief, Williams Treaties First Nations.

"Our ancestors have fought since 1923 to exercise our rights freely and without encumbrance and finally we have been able to secure this for our people and for future generations. It is a success for the Williams Treaties First Nations, but also for all Ontarians and Canadians who will see a new way forward in Crown-Indigenous relations."

Terms of the negotiated settlement include:

- financial compensation of \$1.11 billion for the seven First Nations (\$666 million by Canada and \$444 million by Ontario)
- an entitlement for each First Nation to add up to 11,000 acres of land to their reserve land base. The First Nations are responsible for acquiring these lands.
- recognition of the First Nations' continuing treaty harvesting rights and a commitment to continue to work together to implement these rights.
- a commitment by Canada and Ontario to provide an oral and written statement of apology to the Williams Treaties First Nations.

Under the settlement, according to the CIRNAC, the First Nations can use the funds to buy land on a willing-seller/willing-buyer basis and apply to Canada to have the land added to their reserve land base.

"On this historic day, we acknowledge the hard work of our ancestors, our elders, our leaders and knowledge keepers in their determination to have our collective treaty rights recognized and affirmed," said Chief Phyllis Williams, Curve Lake First Nation. "We are on a path of reconciliation, healing and treaty implementation for Curve Lake members and for our future generations. Miigwetch to those who have made this settlement possible."

"This is a significant step forward on our path to advance reconciliation with the Williams Treaties First Nations," Stephanie Palma, media relations for CIRNAC, told the *Echo*.

A ceremony commemorating the settlement took place on Nov. 17 in Rama, Ont., where the governments of Canada and Ontario issued apologies for the negative impact of the treaties on the First Nations.

"While no amount of compensation, financial or otherwise, can ever truly compensate or repair the intergenerational trauma or loss of cultural continuity that the seven First Nations signatory to the Williams Treaties have suffered, this settlement agreement marks the beginning of healing for our people," LaRocca said in a press release.

## Serve up green at holiday meals

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when it comes to presents. Take a pass on buying things that won't last or will quickly be forgotten. Consider the social and environmental impact of a gift before you buy it. Shop locally, and whenever possible, avoid items that are plastic, disposable or poorly made. Instead, try making your own gifts or give an "experience" rather than an item. A gym membership, theatre tickets, or night out to dinner and the movies are all things that create memories and won't end up in the landfill. You can also buy into green by giving a smart thermostat as a gift – a device to regulate/monitor a home's interior temperature with the goal of saving money and energy.

• Serve up green with holiday meals. Avoid plastic plates and cutlery if hosting friends or family for a holiday meal. You'll save valuable landfill space by using real dishes rather than the disposable kind.

Local residents can also resolve to be more eco-friendly into the New Year. "We all need to start thinking about ways we can better support a healthy planet in 2019 and beyond," Shikaze adds. "After all, what impacts the environment impacts us."

-Submitted by HKPR Health Unit



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## Student housing important for larger community: Bishop

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project would come from the summer months, when the college offers a bevy of arts courses. That revenue model may not be ideal to everyone, and Bishop said he's left it with the college's new president to take it back to the board that is open to any sort of ownership/operating model the school would prefer.

"I'm only here for one purpose, and that's to get housing for the students," he said. "I'm seventh generation here. This is important to us as a community."

Bishop said on his own, he could commit to building 40 units, and depending on what kind collaboration comes from the college, said that number could be as high as 80.

"If at any time they decide they want it, it can get integrated into the college," he said.

Renderings showed a series of tasteful, two-storey buildings. The project is expected to cost between \$5 million and \$7 million.

Bishop said the biggest issue he foresees with the project is sewers, which will require easements across college and township property to get to the Fleming College pumping facility.

"I would like to look at the potential for sewers there, whether it be a pump system or whatever, and I have hired an engineer to look at it," he told councillors.

Councillors were excited and supportive of the project, granting it support in principle.

"That's a perfect location," said Mayor Murray Fearrey. "You shouldn't have any problems getting your approvals there, you wouldn't think."

Fearrey said the only reluctance to the project may come from residents in the area.

The project will require a zoning amendment and an official plan amendment from the upper tier of Haliburton County, a public process that can take a number of months. It could be a couple of years before housing is constructed and open.



### Fair connects job seekers with opportunities

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate Connor Brandon speaks with Haliburton County's engineering assistant Brian Mulholland about getting a job during the Employment and Training Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at the Haliburton County Public Library. Facilitated by the Fleming CREW Employment Centre, the fair featured representatives from SIRCH, Contact North, Fleming College for academic upgrading, Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit and Haliburton County, including the paramedics. Fleming CREW offers information for businesses on government grants for training workers as well as resources to people looking for jobs or training.

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# Haliburton hospitality provides backdrop for filmmaker's work

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Staff Reporter

Zach Silverstein remembers a childhood spent in part on Kushog Lake, where his family had a cottage until 2009.

"Many of my best childhood memories took place in Haliburton – suiting up in tall boots and a safari hat, binoculars in hand to go frog hunting, going jogging on the road, swimming in the lake," said Silverstein.

That exploration as a child has led to photography and film work inspired in part by nature as an adult, and has brought scenes of Haliburton to the annual Montreal World Film Festival when Silverstein's most recent film, *Three Quests*, was shown as part of the student film festival this past summer.

*Three Quests* is what he calls a Buddhist fantasy film.

"It was created as my thesis film at Ryerson," he said, "and it definitely felt like a culmination of my time and experiences studying film, and was an incredibly cathartic experience. It began with the goal of creating a film which would explore spirituality, human ambition, and immerse the viewer in a magical world."

Silverstein said he used the project as an opportunity to research and learn more about Buddhism, and working with a script from his friend Zach Wortzman, created what he called his most demanding production to date, working through "impossible conditions."

"We shot at the Dharma Centre of Canada in Kinmount during one of the absolute coldest weeks of 2017," he said. "We chose the Dharma Centre because we wanted to create some real conditions for our actors to immerse themselves in, so a real Buddhist centre was an obvious choice. They were the most welcoming and hospitable hosts we could wish for, and generously donated their facilities in exchange for promotional content."

It wasn't just at the Dharma Centre of Canada where Silverstein connected with hospitality in the area.

"One of my favourite parts of shoot-

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*One of my favourite parts of shooting in Haliburton is that I seem to find so many people who are willing and happy to help.*

— Zach Silverstein



Silverstein said John from the West Guilford scrapyard allowed him to choose an old beat-up car, which was set ablaze in his feature-length film, *The Benz*. / Submitted photo

ing in Haliburton is that I seem to find so many people who are willing and happy to help," said Silverstein. "Growing up and living in a city like Toronto, you do meet the occasional person or organization who's willing, but I think because there's so much production going on in Toronto, the market is super-saturated and people get pretty tired of requests from young filmmakers. In a place like Haliburton, I think it's quite the opposite, and maybe there's a real novelty to being involved in the creation of a movie."

For a setting in *Three Quests*, Silverstein needed to find a location that resembled a Tibetan Buddhist Monastery. While at the cottage, his mom was getting a massage from Cathy Killoch, who in conversation mentioned the Dharma Centre in Kinmount in response to Silverstein's hunt.

"Throughout my years making movies and facing challenges with each production, I've learned the best way to find solutions is often to talk to friends and strangers about your problems," said Silverstein. "Somebody's nephew's-best-friend's-evil-twin may hold the solution, and people are usually excited to offer the connection."

A "vast open mountain scene" was shot at Sir Sam's. Country Bakery on Hwy 118 in Algonquin Highlands has also offered their space to Silverstein for filming.

In the young filmmaker's feature-length film, *The Benz*, Paul Wilson let the filmmaker and his crew use his Lipsy Lake property for overnight shoots. Local real estate broker Ted Vasey volunteered to act, and Silverstein recalled a memorable moment in West Guilford.

"In perhaps my most ridiculous set-up to date, John from the West Guilford scrapyard and the Haliburton fire department were an incredible help," said Silverstein. "John allowed us to film on his scrapyard, choose an old beat-

up car, and the fire department came to set it ablaze for our grand-finale of the movie. They were all incredibly generous. The fire department didn't charge us a thing, which was lucky for us since we had no money."

At one point during filming, which the fire department used as a training exercise, someone at Tim Hortons in Haliburton delivered coffee and doughnuts to the cast, crew and firefighters as they worked.

Besides the quick help from a "mind-blowing number of people who are willing to lend a hand or let our crews shoot on their properties," Silverstein said the natural setting is a bonus for visual artists.

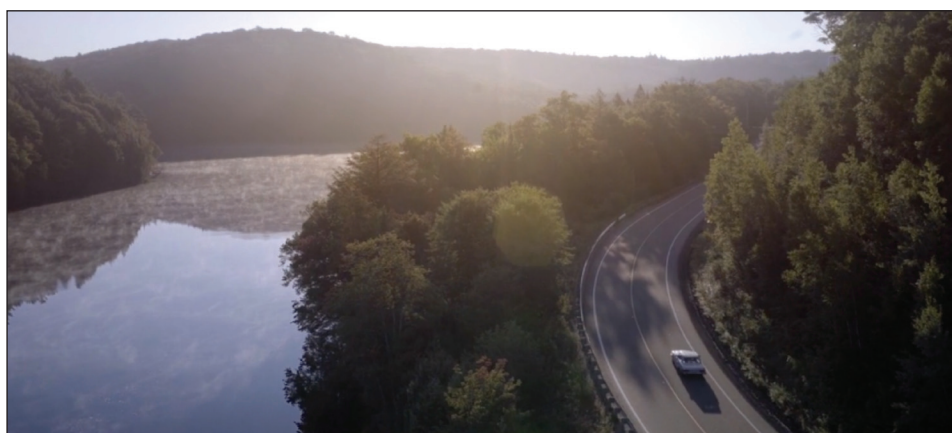
"I'm definitely drawn to the nature in Haliburton," he said. "More and

more my films have taken on a fascination with the beauty and surrealism of nature. The feeling of magic and mysticism you can feel when spending time in the woods. When working on very low budgets and tight timelines as I am, we need to find creative ways to add production value to our films without blowing the bank. An easy way to do this is to shoot in naturally beautiful locations which don't require any fabrication or modification."

Silverstein's photography work has been featured in *National Geographic*, and his films, some which have won awards, have been included in the Toronto Student Film Festival, Toronto Youth Shorts, Youngcuts and Zoom Film Festival as his childhood hobby has become a focus as an adult.

"Since a very young age, I've been making films," he said. "My mother taught me how to film on our family tape-recorder camcorder, and to edit in Adobe Premiere, probably around the age of eight. For a while I was inseparable from that camcorder, carrying it around all the time to shoot. As a kid I thought I would be a magician. Eventually I started recording my tricks on camera, since some could only work from certain angles or with certain timing. From there I began experimenting with cinematic illusions by using hidden cuts, or putting footage in reverse. I think today what still fascinates me about cinema is the illusory quality of it—how I can create a world and immerse you in it, even though if you saw a shot from a different angle you'd realize the whole world is fabricated."

To watch some of Silverstein's films, visit zachsilverstein.com.



Filmmaker Zach Silverstein grew up cottaging on Kushog Lake and said shooting in "naturally beautiful locations," helps to keep production value high and budgets low. / Scene from *The Benz*

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Left, Marie, played by Sophie Longo here (also played by Michaela McCreedy-DeBruin) hugs Pyotr, played by Nick Phippen during the Nutcracker ballet during the matinee for students on Friday, Nov. 30 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Below, the land of snow scene includes a large contingent, including Pyotr, played by Nick Phippen, Marie, played by Sophie Longo and Snow Queen, at centre, as performed by Claire Karaguesian.



Above, the Mouse King, played by Skye MacArthur, fights with the Nutcracker, played by Nick Phippen, during the Nutcracker ballet during the matinee for students on Friday, Nov. 30 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.  
Right, Peacock, played by Ania Smolen, performs.  
The costumes are a labour of love for parent and long-time volunteer with the show, Dani Smolen.

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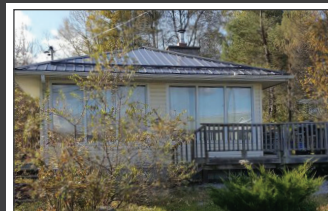
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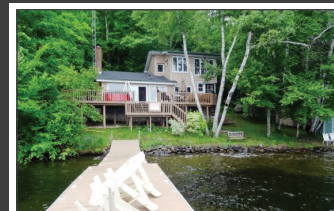
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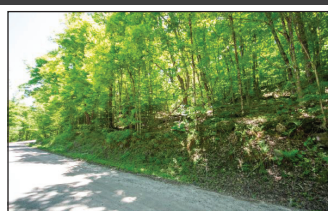
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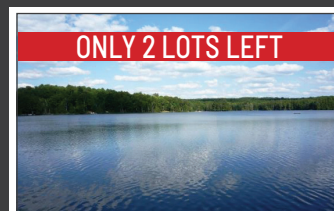
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# Debut novel an 'exercise of empathy'

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The new novel *A Child is a Piece of Paper* is shining a light on the dark truth behind Canada's residential schools.

It's the debut novel for Lance Crossley, who worked two years for the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times* starting in 2004.

He calls this fiction a work of passion, revealing the inter-generational effect of residential schooling on the Indigenous population of Canada.

"A six-year-old boy's idyllic childhood is shattered after being torn from his remote northern reserve and forced into a Catholic-run residential school at Dresden Lake," a summary of the book provided by the author reads. "At Dresden, where the mission is to 'kill the Indian in the child,' he lives in a constant state of terror while trying to survive the ever-increasing cruelty of a depraved schoolmaster. When the brutality becomes unbearable, the only option is to escape, a decision which ultimately ends in tragedy."

"It's a book that forcefully places the reader into the brutality of this system we had in Canada," Crossley said in an interview.

The Truth and Reconciliation report revealed that the children of parents who attended residential schools are more

likely to commit suicide than they are, Crossley said.

The last residential school closed in 1996. Many Canadians may know the facts surrounding residential schools, but will never know the pain endured there.

Fiction can help convey some of that feeling.

"There is a difference between knowing and feeling. That's one of the things a novel can do that a history book can't, right? The government basically legislated the theft and abuses of these kids or at least let it happen," he said.

He had 90 rejections for this debut novel. "No one was interested in doing this story so I did it myself," he said.

Crossley credited his former boss and *Echo/Times* past editor Martha Perkins and the job opportunity at the *Echo* for helping him grow as a writer.

"Martha gave me complete freedom to develop my craft. Freedom to fail and freedom to succeed. That time there was probably the most valuable writing training I had anywhere. Absolutely, this book in part owes a debt to my time in Haliburton," he said.

Crossley acknowledges this time of year is conventionally associated with lighter subject matter, but said there wasn't a marketing plan behind the timing for the completion of the work.

"I've been with this project for three years. Like a mother in labour, there was no choice. There was no strategy at all

behind it," he said.

He isn't working on anything specific now, but promises this won't be the last book.

He started writing the novel in December of 2015 and said the subject matter spurred him on like no other literary efforts he had before.

"In a way I guess it was an exercise of empathy for me. I wanted to explore the sensation that was stirring in me after reading the survivor reports," he said.

Crossley was inspired by the stories he learned through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report. "I was just really moved by what I read," he said.

A month or two later, he visited Fort Hope (the place his book is set in the beginning) for the Ministry of Transportation where he produced mini-documentaries, visiting remote airports under their purview.

It was on these trips his newly acquired knowledge was bolstered from meeting the Indigenous people who left an indelible mark.

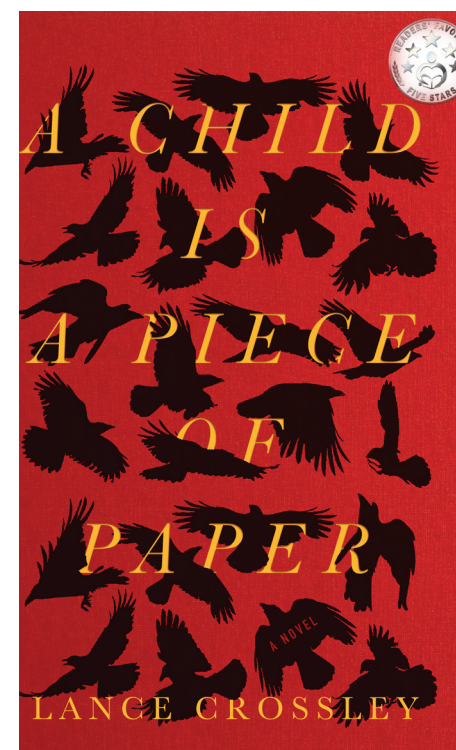
He also learned northern communities such as Fort Hope had a boil water advisory for 20 years. "It just sort of shocked me a bit," he said.

In March, CTV reported there were "81 long-term drinking water advisories affecting more than 50 Indigenous communities across the country."

Crossley remembers how the deaths from water contamination in the community of Walkerton, Ont., led to changes to water treatment practices while Indigenous communities live with unsafe water year-round.

"Canada is a great place to live," he said. "But if you're Indigenous that's not necessarily so."

Statistics Canada reports Indigenous youth are over-represented in the correctional system. Indigenous youth account for 46 per cent admissions to correctional services in 2016 to 2017, but represent just



eight per cent of the Canadian youth population.

"I think we're at the beginning of the awareness stage of what happened with these residential schools," he said. "Now, the phrase the residential schools is on the tip of our tongues. Prior to the Truth and Reconciliation report, nobody talked about it. Basically nobody knew about it in the mainstream culture. Now that's changing, but I think what the novel adds is a way to ... not just see it as abstract history, but to truly be placed in the middle of what it was like to be in these residential schools. I like to call it felt knowledge. I just hope it fosters some empathy and awareness."

*A Child is a Piece of Paper* is available for purchase at Amazon.ca or books2read.com/u/meA1dZ.



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# Highland Storm Peewees give back

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Our little community is a lot like the Highland Storm Walkers Home Hardware Peewee hockey team. Small, but with a great heart for helping out.

Both could be profiled on Hockey Night in Canada and earn \$100,000 for a chosen local charity for this year's third annual Good Deeds Cup, sponsored by Chevrolet.

Open to peewee hockey teams across the country, the contest encourages hockey teams to give back to their respective communities with charitable efforts.

The examples of good deeds offered on the contest website ([www.chevrolet.ca/hockey/good-deeds-cup.html](http://www.chevrolet.ca/hockey/good-deeds-cup.html)) are volunteer at an animal shelter, spend time as a team at a retirement home, raise money for charity collecting bottles and cans, volunteer with sick kids at a hospital or shovel neighborhood driveways.

Teams will document their good deeds with a video, which will be posted to YouTube and then judged for the contest.

The Home Hardware Peewees have put their best foot forward by helping food banks with a collection of non-perishables and money while walking in the Santa Claus Parades in Minden and Haliburton.

This was videotaped and will be part of the one minute submission for the contest.

They collected \$90 in Minden for their food bank. In Haliburton they collected \$75 for Haliburton's food bank, which will be matched by the local Lions Club and Rotary Club of Haliburton.

The team's non-perishable collection would have filled the back of a one-ton

pickup, said their coach James Raposo. It was donated to the Haliburton Food Bank run by the 4Cs recently.

On Dec. 15, the team will be collecting more food for other food banks at Walkers Home Hardware to "Fill the Truck" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Raposo said entering this contest was about more than the prizes or winning. His motivation was getting his players to learn about being good citizens.

"How helping your community can actually help your hockey. Making you a better person and try and show the kids how to go [and live life]," he said.

Moments later, when asked about the reward, he said, "I want them to always see helping your community is a good thing to do. It's not about the reward at all. It's showing the kids the proper thing to do."

Registering with the contest also provided the team with a Good Deeds Cup bag, playbook, pucks, stickers and bracelets.

Submissions must be posted between Nov. 1 and Jan. 2. They will be judged by Chevrolet and Hockey Canada representatives. By Jan. 26, there will be 10 semi-finalists announced. There were more than 100 teams who entered the contest last year.

The winning team will also have its name engraved on the Good Deeds Cup.

The community in the Highlands has demonstrated generosity and strength of character before and getting the children to follow in that tradition was important, he said.

"We just wanted to keep it going," Raposo said.

Eleven-year-old player Wyatt Raposo was happy to help those less fortunate.



Back row from left, Highland Storm Walkers Home Hardware Peewee coach James Raposo, stands with his team Alex Hendry, Aaron Neave, Nathan Harrison, Emery Bagshaw, team volunteer, Jo-Ann Hendry and team manager Lisa Reinwald. Front row from left, Adam Davis, Daniel Stephen and Wyatt Raposo. Absent from the photo is Mikayla Sisson, Spencer Bowker, Weston Bowker and Cayden Russell. The team is competing in the Chevrolet Good Deeds Cup for a chance to win \$100,000 and be profiled on Hockey Night in Canada. /DARREN LUM Staff

"We're helping people out and just getting people food to eat that don't have that much money," he said.

If the team wins, he said it's good to show the country how the Highlands is a good place.

There's no doubt winning the \$100,000 would mean a lot to the community.

This initiative also showcases the connection between hockey and the Highlands and Canada, Raposo said.

"It continues on with what Haliburton

[County and Canada] is with hockey," he said. "We are hockey. You see it all over the place. It's all over the news and the TV all the time. It's more proof this is what we are."

Team manager Lisa Reinwald adds winning would enable the team to return the support paid so generously by the business community.

"It's our way to give back and say, 'thank you,'" Reinwald said.

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# Valentine's Day wrestling tournament to take place at HHSS

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There won't be any love lost when the Red Hawks wrestling team hosts a tournament on Valentine's Day this year.

This season's lone wrestling tournament at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is on Feb. 14 and will provide seeding for the top-four places at the COSSA championship in Belleville a week after.

Coach Dan Fockler, who is sharing the coaching duties of the Hawks team with long-time friend and colleague Paul Klose, said he expects the field of competitors to be very deep and talented due to the seeding component.

"It should be a good tournament," he said.

Wrestlers who don't compete are likely to face a top seed in their opening match during COSSA.

Other years, the Hawks hosted the Haliburton Highlands Wrestling Invitational. Last year the school hosted COSSA for the first time.

With just three female wrestlers and close to a dozen male wrestlers, the team's roster is not as deep as other years when there has been more than 20.

"It goes in waves," he said.

Five wrestlers have three plus years of experience while several are Grade 9 wrestlers.

The boys will for the most part represent the Hawks in many of the weight classes.

This starts at 47.5 kilograms (up two weight classes from the lowest) and up to

95 kilograms.

"We hit a lot of the weight classes on the way up [to the highest weight class of 130 kilograms], which is nice," he said.

None of the girls on the team will have to wrestle each other, he said. They are each representing a different weight class, which includes 51, 61 and 74 kilograms. It's an ideal situation, he adds.

Fockler didn't know what the reason was for the lower turnout, but said there is a benefit to a smaller team.

"They get a bit more mat time when there are not as many so the silver lining might be the results at the end of the season might be a little better because they got more mat time. They're not taking shifts to get on the mat," he said.

Although there haven't been any formal requests from alumni to help coach, Fockler believes there is a good chance someone will stop by during the post-secondary school break coming up.

Last year, the Hawks sent several wrestlers to the all-provincials.

Included in this group were senior Aidan Coles and Grade 11 wrestler Nic Graham.

They return to the team after earning OFSAA berths last year. Coles in the 95 kilogram class and Graham for the cadet class.

Although Graham lost his matches, he gained invaluable experience at the highest level. Coles set a school record for male wrestlers, getting on the podium with a fourth place at the all-provincials. It was an improvement on his 2017 trip when he finished with four wins and two losses to end up in the top eight. He also won the sportsmanship award, the Officials Award for Sportsmanship.



Six Red Hawks wrestlers competed in a wrestling tournament at Trenton High School on Thursday, Nov. 29. From left, Ethan Coles, Nic Graham, Austin Weller, Charlotte Paton, Connie Oh and Owen Wootton. Paton earned a bronze. Coles earned silver while teammates Graham and Wootton led the way with gold medals. /Submitted by Paul Klose

Another veteran of the group is Grade 12 Austin Weller, who has wrestled for three years with the team but has never made it to the all-provincials so OFSAA is foremost on his mind.

"I hope I go to OFSAA," he said.

He stuck with the team in Grade 10 after starting, but not finishing the season with the team in Grade 9.

Weller hopes to improve on his finish last year by earning a berth to the all-provincials after missing out with a fourth place at COSSA, which take the top two

(unless a "challenge" is made).

Weller is using this Valentine's Day home tournament as an incentive to not just do well in front of family, but to drive him in practice to achieve a strong seeding at COSSA so he can achieve his dream.

He is excited at the opportunity a home tournament gives him, which is a showcase.

"I like it a lot more. It's kind of motivation," he said.

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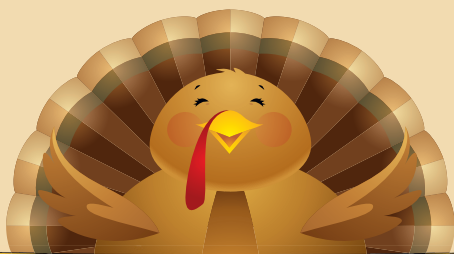
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# Hawks host volleyball season opener

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Come out, show your support and cheer on the Red Hawks this week, as they square off against Kawartha area schools in exhibition play.

Both of the teams, the senior and junior girls will be in action on Thursday, Dec. 6, starting at 2 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Senior coach Dan Gimon thinks the home tournament (best of two game format) provides an opportunity for the team.

"They're more than ready to play at home and excited to be at home. It will be a good starting point," he said.

Although the team was a little "nervous" at home to start last season, the Hawks will be better prepared mentally this time around.

Unless the Hawks can finish as the best team in Kawartha so they can host COSSA, they will not host a tournament again this season.

Gimon expects the field of teams for the home tournament to include Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute, Fenelon Falls Secondary School, I.E. Weldon Secondary School, and Brock High School or St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary school.

Also in action will be the 14 juniors, who are coached by Steve Smith.

Both teams are assisted by Janice Schefee.

A captain has not been named for the seniors yet. It will be decided in time to lead the 12 player roster for the season.

This year's squad includes an additional setter to share the workload.

Emma Casey moved up from junior and shares the setting duties with returning senior setter Arden Harrop. Gimon said their skills are comparable and distributing the workload is a boon for his setter and the team.

"It's kind of nice because last year we had one setter. This year we have the option so this way [Harrop] doesn't have to play the whole game," he said.

An additional year for his returners has strengthened the skill set of his starters.

However this year's squad has less depth with the departure of four players.

"We may have a stronger starting six, but a weaker bench this year. That'll be the challenge," he said.

Last year the team was in the rebuilding stage and didn't have high expectations.

However the team excelled and progressed much better than the coach anticipated.

Gimon loved how his team played last year, but is being conservative with what he wants and said expectations will be set as a team.

"I'm not really setting my expectations yet. Last year I had a meeting with the girls and we kind of decided all together



The Red Hawks volleyball program is up and running, preparing for the home tournament to open the Kawartha High School League season on Dec. 6 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The first matches, which include junior and senior teams, start at 1 p.m. Game time and tournament schedule is subject to change./DARREN LUM Staff

and decided as a group what we're going to do," he said.

This week (after press time), the team was expected to have held a meeting to discuss the expectations and what they want to achieve this season. Expectations will change depending on the competi-

tion, Gimon said.

"It was partway through the season before I realized the potential. Same thing here. We'll have to see what the other teams are like first and then either raise the expectations or lower them or keep them the same," he said.



## Hawk Lake Bridge Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Study Commencement

### Background

The County of Haliburton is beginning an environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to determine the preferred method of improvement to address structural condition, roadway safety and hydraulic capacity at the Hawk Lake Bridge on Little Hawk Lake Road in Algonquin Highlands. The study area is shown on the map.

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# minor hockey

## Novice

This past weekend, the Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Highland Storm Novice Reps travelled to Pembroke to participate in the Pembroke Regional Silver Stick Tournament. Friday, the Storm faced the Pembroke Kings. The teams were evenly matched and it appeared the game would end scoreless until late in the third when Pembroke put a score on the board. With only six seconds remaining in the game, Henry Neilson responded with a goal for the Storm. The game ended with a 1-1 tie.

Saturday morning, the Storm played the Mississippi Thunder Kings. Although the Storm lost 5-2 to this skilled team, they played a great game. Storm goals were scored by Evan Perrott and Matthew Scheffee.

Entering into their third game against the Frontenac Flyers, the Storm knew they needed a big win if they were going to continue in the tournament. They came to play. The defensive team held the blue line and kept the puck in the offensive zone, allowing the offence many scoring opportunities. The Storm took an 8-1 win in what would be their last game of the tournament, with goals by Luke Gruppe (3), Henry Neilson (2), Evan Perrott, Isaac Trotter, and Matt Scheffee.

Next weekend the Storm will travel to Ennismore on Saturday to play the Ennismore Eagles, and on Sunday, they will have a double header against the Almaguin Ice Devils in Haliburton.

By Sara Gruppe

## Midget

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Highland Storm Midgets suffered two losses this week, 6-5 against the Mariposa Lightning and 4-1 against the Elmvalle Coyotes. It began Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Haliburton against the Mariposa Lightning. The Storm came out strong in the first period and was on the scoreboard in 20 seconds. Gilbert started the rush, took a shot and Smith picked up the rebound for the goal. A minute later, Haedicke moved in to set up the play, fed Dollo and he took a screen shot from the point for the second goal. Halfway through the first period, Haedicke sped in and took a shot, Robinson nabbed the rebound and found the opening, making it 3-0. Shortly after, Lightning struck making it a 3-1 game. The second period ended with the Storm winning 4-1. It was Mitchell that held the line, allowing Gilbert to top corner the next Storm goal. Lots of action in the second period, the Lightning stepped it up and late in the second period, made it a 4-2 game. Early in the third, Dollo made a rush, dropped it to Gilbert and he chipped it in, now 5-2 Storm. The Storm was hushed for the rest of the game. The Lightning took control, came back with four goals and the Storm lost 6-5.

Next, the Storm Midgets met with the Elmvalle Coyotes in Minden, Friday, Nov. 30. The Coyotes roared in the first, taking a 2-0 lead. Early in the second period, the Storm took advantage of a power play and closed in on the Coyotes' net. Gilbert and Smith fought hard and found the opening, making it 2-1. The Coyotes continued to dominate the Storm with a couple more goals, ending it 4-1.

By Suzanne Haedicke

## Bantam

On Friday, the Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland Bantams hosted the Ennismore Eagles. The Storm came on strong with Dylan Keefer scoring two goals in the first period, assisted by Jackson Wilson, Kyan Hall and Hunter Winder. With a minute left in the second period the Eagles scored bringing the game close at 2-1. With four minutes left in the game Hall sealed the deal scoring another goal assisted by Keefer making the final 3-1.

Saturday the Storm travelled to Woodville to play the Woodville Hurricanes. In the first period, Keefer scored an unassisted goal putting the Storm on the scoreboard. The Storm played a solid second period with three more goals by Jackson Wilson, Keefer and Gage Hutchison. With two minutes left on the clock Keefer scored a hat trick assisted by Hutchison and Hall. Amazing goaltending by Darion Maddock who kept the Hurricanes out of his net with his sixth shutout of the season and a final score of 5-0 Storm.

Sunday the Storm travelled to Beaverton to play the Brock Wild. They were wild indeed. Battling through a very physical game both teams were scoreless in the first period. Early in the second Keefer found the net with a hard slapshot from the blue line. The Wild responded tying the game up at one apiece. A minute later Hall found the net putting the Storm in the lead.

Into the third period Kaine Brannigan scored assisted by Hall making it 3-1. The Wild were hungry for a win and scored another goal in the third but were unable to get past our defensive game making the final score 3-2 Storm.

Come out and support the Storm this Friday as they battle against the Sturgeon Lake Thunder at the A.J LaRue Arena at 7 p.m.

By Jessica Lloyd

## Peewee

The Highland Storm LL Home Hardware's Peewee team played in the Silver Stick Tournament this weekend in Haliburton. The Storm was up bright and early for an 8 a.m. game where they took on Lindsay. Lindsay came out strong and scored two goals in the first period but Storm ended up tying the game with a goal in the second by Emery Bagshaw assisted by Nathan Harrison and Weston Bowker and one more goal in third by Harrison assisted by Wyatt Raposo and Mikayla Sisson, the final score 2-2.

At 12 p.m. Storm took on Havelock and goalie Aaron Neave played another great game stopping many shots and rebounds. Harrison scored our only goal of the game assisted by Raposo. Havelock took the win 2-1.

For the Storm's final game as they took on Apsley who took the game and ended up winning the gold medal in this year's Peewee division.

Congratulations on a great tournament!

By Marita Bagshaw

## Novice 2 LL

This weekend, the Dewayen Simms LL Novice 2 team travelled to Warkworth for their first tournament of the season. The Storm played hard and walked away with two wins and a loss. They faced Duoro Dukes (8-1 L), Frontenac Flyers (9-7 W) and Ennismore Eagles (5-1 W). First goals of the season going to Travis Rowe and Levi Rowe, exactly 10 seconds apart! Other goals going to Mason Latanville, McCartney Saunders and Brycen Harrison. Assists going to Colten Simms, Gabriel Loney, Cole Morrison, Harrison and Latanville. Outstanding goaltending by Landyn Simms, making save after save. Way to go, Storm! This team is back in action on Saturday, as they host the Huntsville Davicor in Wilberforce at noon.

By Stephanie Harrison

## Midget LL

The Pharmasave Highland Storm LL Midgets travelled to Parry Sound on Sunday for a game against the Shamrocks. Defenceman Brody Prentice and goalie Nate Miscio played well early on keeping the game scoreless. The Shamrocks got a lucky break near the end of the first with a Storm own goal to put our team down by one. Parry Sound went up 4-0 with three quick goals mid way through the second period before the Shamrocks had an own goal themselves to make it 4-1 going into the final period. Parry Sound continued pressure in the final frame putting in three more goals for a convincing 7-1 win over the Highland Storm.

By Gord Hoenow

## Atom LL

This weekend the Highland Storm Local League teams hosted the Atom Local League Silver Stick Tour-

namment in Haliburton.

TD Bank Atom team played their first game against Apsley. With a huge battle underway the Atom team found their first unscored defeat.

For our second game against Mariposa there was another battle at hand but during the first period TD Atom team were able to find the back of the net unassisted by Logan Reid. In the second period Mariposa would not let up nor did the TD Atoms when Logan Reid took a nice slapshot from the hash marks and Carson Jones was playing his position to be able to take the rebound and score again. But Mariposa was able to take the win. For our third game, the TD Atom team found themselves worn out from their two prior games, but never once gave up to find themselves defeated by the tournament's champions Kemptville. Awesome job this weekend, Storm.

By Chris McMartin

## Atom 1 LL

On Saturday the GJ Burtch LL Atom 1 team played in the Regional Silver Stick qualifier at the A.J LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Storm hit the ice at 8 a.m. versus the Bancroft Jets. The Storm had its hands full with the much larger jet team. Unintimidated, the Storm fought hard in both ends of the rink. Down 5-0 with the second winding down, the Storm's Jacob Mantle raced up the ice and beat the Jet's goalie only three seconds remaining. Assist to Benton Lloyd. Mantle's goal seem to wake the team up as most of the third would be spent in the Jets' end of the rink. Eric Mueller scored a beauty assisted by Gideon Borgdorff. The slow start would be the Storm's downfall dropping this game 6-2. Player of the game: Jacob Mantle.

At noon the Storm would face the Lakefield Chiefs. An exciting first period saw chances traded at both ends. It wasn't till two minutes left in the second that the Chiefs were able to open the scoring after a scramble in front of the Storm net. Isaac Borgdorff proved himself a reliable option at the side of the net. Borgdorff scored two almost identical goals just over a minute apart tying the game at two. The first assisted by Jacob Mantle the second by Jacob Davis. The Chiefs came on strong but netminder Jacob Lloyd stood his ground and made some dazzling glove saves, earning him player of the game. Final 2-2.

The Storm's final game of the day was at 4 p.m. vs South Muskoka HRC Ins. The Storm scoring opened halfway through the first when Jacob Mantle took matters into his own hands skating end to end beating the South Muskoka goalie. The Storm swarmed their opponents, getting lots of chances throughout the first and second. All that work paying off when Taylor Mulock was able tie the game at 2:30 into the third. The Storm kept working but fell victim to a couple of Plinko type goals, bouncing off of bodies and sticks then into the net. The Storm would lose this one 5-2. Player of the

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# minor hockey

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game: Taylor Mulock.  
Next up Saturday, Dec. 8, the Storm travel to Gravenhurst to face the undefeated Cottage County Dental team.  
*By Jamie Lloyd*

## Midget Girls

The Canadian Tire/Park View Dental Midget girls Jets travelled to Kitch-

ener the weekend of Nov. 23 to 24. Friday afternoon the team faced the Woolwich Wild. The Jets outplayed, outshot, and outchanced the Wild throughout the game. Unfortunately despite their efforts they lost 1-0. Friday evening, they took on the Kent County Fillies and the result was a tie 2-2. Early in the first period, Gabby Burnett got the Jets' first goal by chipping the puck over the goalie's pad, blocker side. Haley Goulet scored the second goal, forcing the puck past a Fil-

lies' forward at the blue line, outskated one of their defenceman, took a shot and scored on her own rebound unassisted. Grace Trotter stood tall in net for the Jets for both Friday games but unluckily suffered an injury and was unable to continue for the remainder of the tournament. Hannah McMann stepped up and put on the pads for the Jets for Saturday's games. Unfortunately, despite playing and working hard, the team lost both games to their opponents which ended their run in the tournament. Results were:

Chatsworth Rebels 4, Jets 0  
Branford Ice Kats 2, Jets 0

On Friday, Nov. 30, the team hosted the Lindsay Lynx. The end result was a tie 1-1. Burnett passed the puck out to defenceman, Ryan Rupnow at the point, and Rupnow scored with a wrist shot from the blue line.

Saturday, Dec. 1, the team hit the road to Keene to face the Wolverines. The Jets broke their long standing tying streak with a 5-0 win. The scoring streak started early in the first with two quick goals. The first, was by Jaylin Frost, who got hold of the puck in a scramble in front of the net and was able to jam it in past Keene's goalie. McMann got the assist. The second, was by Liv Martin who received a stick pass from teammate Burnett. The third, by McMann who got a pass from Rupnow, took a shot, got her own rebound and scored.

The pairing of Burnett and Goulet, some give and go action, and passing behind the net resulted in the fourth goal. Burnett stepped out from behind the net and tucked the puck in on the short side. The final goal of the game,

and her second, was scored by Martin who stole the puck at center ice and scored unassisted. Rianna Trotter, had solid performances in between the pipes for the Jets in both of these games.

The team will travel to Peterborough this Sunday to face the Ice Kats. Come out and cheer o the girls at their next home games on Dec. 15 and 16, both games at 4:30 p.m. at the NHCC.

*By Linda Goulet*

## Peewee A

The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's hosted the Sturgeon Lake Thunder on Tuesday, Nov. 27. The Storm tried hard all game to try and get ahead but just couldn't. They unfortunately lost 6-3. Goals were scored by Addison St Cyr, Colby Coumbs, and Cheyenne Degeer.

On Friday Nov. 30, the Peewee A's host the Huntsville Otters. It was a very close game however they just couldn't tie up the game. The final score was 5-4. Goals scored by Addison St Cyr and Austin Boylan.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, Peewee A's travelled to Gravenhurst to battle the Bracebridge Bears. The Storm battled back in the last 40 seconds of the game and won 5-3. Goals scored by Austin Boylan, Addison St Cyr and Colby Coumbs.

In the upcoming week JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's travel to Wasaga Beach to play in a weekend tournament.

*By Amber Card*

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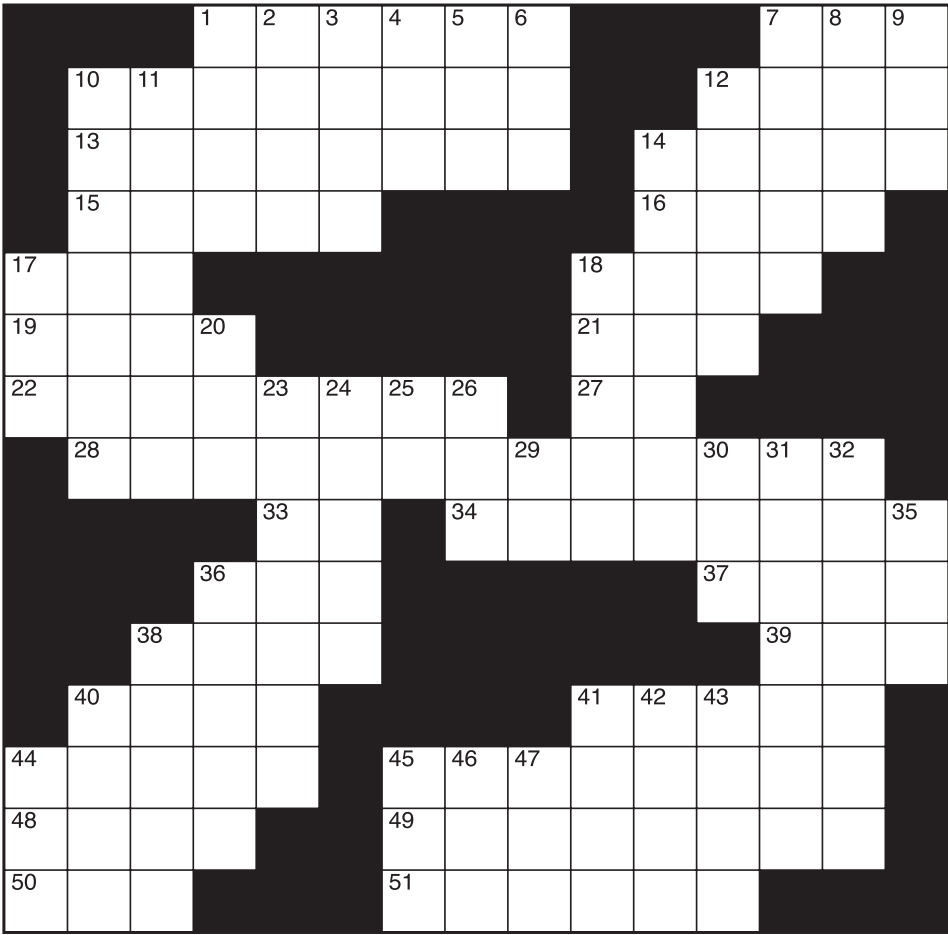


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  - 12. Created
  - 13. Convert
  - 14. WWII battle
  - 15. A cravat with wide square ends
  - 16. Month in the Jewish calendar
  - 17. Value
  - 18. Brews
  - 19. Child's eating accessory
  - 21. Arrived extinct
  - 22. Of the sea
  - 27. Potato state
  - 28. Leading man
  - 33. Blood type
  - 34. Oppressed
  - 36. "Much \_\_\_ about nothing"
  - 37. World's longest river
  - 38. deGrom and Sale are two
  - 39. Crafty
  - 40. At all times

- 41. Twins great Hunter
  - 44. Volcanic craters
  - 45. Outpouring
  - 48. Where a baby sleeps
  - 49. Dancing a Brazilian dance
  - 50. Unhealthy
  - 51. Manufacturers
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Prevents harm to young
  - 2. The Muse of history
  - 3. Fascinated by
  - 4. Unnilhexium
  - 5. Honey maker
  - 6. Soviet Socialist Republic
  - 7. They hang out with papas
  - 8. German river
  - 9. Domain name
  - 10. Type of chair
  - 11. Fill someone with an urge
  - 12. Sorceress
  - 14. Unpleasant smell
  - 17. Leg (slang)
  - 18. Farewell

- 20. A life summary
- 23. Merchants
- 24. Southeastern Nigerians
- 25. Of I
- 26. Electronic counter-measures
- 29. Atomic #3 (abbr.)
- 30. A type of sister
- 31. Omission of a sound
- 32. Screaming
- 35. Ottoman title
- 36. Sour
- 38. Take advantage of
- 40. Nobleman
- 41. Cathode ray was one
- 42. Long, winding ridge
- 43. Muckraking journalist
- 44. Defunct phone company
- 45. Military telecommunications term (abbr.)
- 46. Supervises flying
- 47. Firearms manufacturer

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When: Friday, Dec. 7 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden  
Children come and shop for Christmas Gifts for family & friends. We will help the children shop, wrap and tag the gifts, they will be ready to take home and put under the tree.  
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When: Sunday, Dec. 9  
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# Celebrations for Guilford birthdays

community news  
**west guilford**

Eleanor Cooper  
754-2278

A look back at November shows us two significant birthdays. Ray Sisson turned 95 on Nov. 16 and his daughter, Kristine took him to dinner at the Peterborough Red Lobster. The past year Ray had been to see Stratford's production of *The Music Man* and had been to the Royal Winter Fair.

A happy throng of friends greeted Henk van Nood on Nov. 10 at Haliburton's United Church. Speciality food was created by grandchildren – all Dutch recipes. Henk's friends, staff from Extendicare and card playing Guilford friends all turned out to wish Henk well on this, his 90th birthday. Congratulations to both these worthy gentlemen who love their Guilford community so much.

On Nov. 13 a posthumous award was given to honour Earl's 70 years in the Masonic order. Our sons George,

Alan and Andy were present and Rob Parish, Master of North Entrance Lodge presented the 70 year pin to me. An honour I cherish. Two other guests shared the event with me, my sister, Kathleen Owens and my daughter, Beth Cooper.

Medeba welcomed the community with their usual hospitality at the annual dinner which begins the season with good will and fellowship. Uncertain and bad weather at the 24th kept away some who usually come, but those in attendance enjoyed the wonderful time together over a fine meal. Thanks to the staff for making it so appealing.

Abbey Gardens Fall Festival was a success with pony rides, outdoor games, music and food late in October. Always some appropriate and enticing activity to look forward to there. Call 754-4769.

Hunting season brought my family home, some for two weeks, some for less time but George and Shireen were at the camp for all of it. Shireen being cook par excellence. Andy and son Logan came from Duncan, B.C. for the second week and Beth was here for a week. At the end Alan and Saphy drove me to visit sisters in Barrie. Good family time all around. One of the highlights of my time with Mavis in Burlington was the Welch Men's Choir on Nov. 24.

# Santa is coming to Wilberforce

community news  
**wilberforce**

Hilda Clark  
448-2018

Santa Claus will definitely be here in Wilberforce next Sunday, Dec. 9. His parade leaves the school area at 12:30 noon and travels down to the Lloyd Watson Centre to meet the children. Heard that he is in very good form and really delighted to bring gifts for children age 10 and under. Always a fun time especially if there are also model railway trains to enjoy.

And a good place to go after Santa's visit is to Highland Grove. There at 3 p.m. begins the community carol service at St. Jean Vianney Church. St. Margaret's Rev. Ken McClure has been asked to deliver the message. Lots of carols will be sung at this very merry musical afternoon.

At the craft sale last Saturday at the Lloyd Watson Centre vendors had a good variety of items for sale. Shoppers and vendors were pleased with the lunch menu. Though the number of shoppers seemed to be down from other years many vendors found that shoppers were buying. And often vendors are also shoppers! Perhaps the threat of freezing rain may have kept some at home.

The local book club met last Wednesday at the Wilberforce library branch for a good time of sharing thoughts on books read recently. The next meeting will be the last Wednesday evening in January at 6:30 p.m. New members welcome. Drop by the library for information about the book being currently read.

Be sure to mark Sunday, Dec. 16 for the carol service at the historic Essonville Church. The bell will be tolling you to join at 7 p.m. Please note this service is a bit earlier than usual. Organists able to play the good old pump organ there were not available for the Sunday just before Christmas Day. Always a fine time at this service.

Christmas open house at the Outpost Museum is Thursday, Dec. 13 afternoon and evening. The hot apple cider will be on.

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Bruce was born and raised near Oakwood & Rogers, the youngest of three boys. When the school system suggested he move along at the age of 16, he did a brief stint at a pickle factory before serving 40 faithful years at the Continental Can Company, working his way up from mail-boy to management.

Bruce was an avid reader, a World War aficionado, and a dedicated crossword puzzler. He had a wry wit and told wonderfully stupid jokes. He was a gifted speaker involved in the Chamber of Commerce, Toastmasters and Rotary, the latter of which awarded him the Paul Harris Fellow.

As a father, he invented hilarious Captain Blackjack bedtime stories with his kids as the heroes. He was the perennial coach, driver, repairman and supporter for myriad sports and activities. He had a formidable moral compass and always sought the high road, saying, "The Browns may do it and the Joneses may do it but the Moffatts don't do it...".

He was the Grandpa who dressed up as Santa, read bedtime stories and wasn't afraid to be goofy. He was a father figure to others who looked to his steady, thoughtful manner for guidance.

Bruce never forgot his meager beginnings; he was grateful for, and proud of, all he and Betty achieved together. A common phrase, as he raised a glass around a table of family or friends was, "Not bad, eh?".

He met Betty in grade 8 and despite throwing her boots down the well, the two became inseparable, eventually celebrating 61 years of marriage in 2016. He never stopped making her laugh.

Bruce came to Betty's family cottage in the 1940s and that funny old place became the foundation of a million memories framed by a spectacular sunset. Bruce called the sunset's ripples his "golden staircase" and in later years, he would look at that view for hours.

When Bruce and Betty retired to the cottage, they forged an enviable retirement with lifelong friends from the city and new-found friends in Haliburton.

Bruce was a homebody and a perpetual putterer, happy to poke around in the garage and yard in his clunky rubber boots - fixing, mending, painting, mowing. He could also be the life of a party, as evidenced by his alter ego "Coconut Bruce", a one-time party prank captured in a single blurry photo.

In 2008, Bruce suffered a stroke, leaving him with a common post-stroke communication disorder called Aphasia. It robbed him of language and challenged his comprehension. It silenced the jokes, stories, and advice; effectively eliminating many of the traits and activities that defined him - but it never dampened his humour.

Aphasia is hard work - and extremely isolating, and even as friends stopped calling and his world became smaller, Bruce demonstrated tremendous grace and patience amid family and a few good friends who continued to see him behind the garbled facade.

Bruce and Betty were two halves of a whole, and Betty's unexpected death in 2017 was an unrecoverable blow for Bruce. A second stroke just months afterward marked the beginning of a steady decline.

There are no words to describe this loss, the final chapter of two lives so entwined. If Bruce was stubborn, private and proud-to-a-fault, he was also humble, funny, reflective and generous; a true gentleman.

Bruce's was a life well lived, ultimately proving that it's not a fancy education or an ivory tower career that makes a man; it's honest work wrapped in kindness, family, friends and humour.

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# Season of miracles

■ *Community digs deeper as need rises at 4Cs food bank*

by PETER DOWNS  
Staff Reporter

Volunteers at the 4Cs Food Bank are preparing for another season of miracles.

These miracles come in all forms each year at this time as the community digs deep to make sure no one is left wanting at Christmas.

There are the bags of groceries dropped off by those who can barely afford to put food on their own tables. The blank envelopes containing bills — \$10, \$50, \$100 — handed in by anonymous donors at the Lily Ann. The many churches, community groups, service clubs, businesses and schools who collect thousands of dollars in food and donations. The overwhelming number of people who volunteer to pack Christmas boxes. The woman who dropped off several boxes of 99¢ cookies, each with a \$20 bill neatly folded inside.

No matter how great the need — and the need is rising steadily — the community is ready to lend a hand.

"It's a miracle," says 4Cs volunteer Ave Petch, who helps coordinate the food bank's Christmas box initiative. "It's the spirit of giving. The

Christmas spirit of giving."

As proof she pointed to her records for last Christmas. When all of the cash donations were tallied, the 4Cs had \$12,000. That gave the food bank just enough to cover the \$11,000 it spent to supply more than 200 families with Christmas boxes containing various non-perishable food items, a ham, hand-wrapped gifts for children under 16 and food vouchers to buy fresh milk or vegetables.

"It's really heart-rending to see that the community wants to give the way it does," said Petch.

Throughout the year about 50 families per month make ends meet with the assistance of the 4Cs.

But at Christmas the food bank helps at least 200 families share in the spirit of the holidays with a traditional dinner, some small gifts and non-perishable food items.

This year the 4Cs is bracing itself for what will likely be the greatest demand it's seen yet.

Up to 300 families are expected to request Christmas boxes to help them get through the holi-

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**LISTEN, THEN DANCE:** Nicole St. Pierre listens attentively to instructions for tap dance moves at a special clinic at The Dance Company in Haliburton on Saturday. Toronto instructor Lynda Yurkino was able to include a lot of new moves for dancers of all ages at the growing company.

## So far so good on county's new roadways

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Editor

There have been few complaints, and even a few compliments, about the county's maintenance of three former high-

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ways.

Starting with the first snowfall, the county roads department has been plowing and salting the portion of the former Hwy 121 between Minden and Kinmount, the former Hwy 503 within the county's borders, and the former Hwy 648 within the county.

Responsibility for these roads — about 100 km — was transferred from the province to the county last January, but the province had continued with

maintenance until last spring. These past few weeks have been the first time the county has done winter maintenance on the roads, which are now county roads, not highways.

Responsibility for Hwy 121 between Minden and Haliburton has also been transferred to the county, but the Ministry of Transportation will continue to supply maintenance this winter. Les Shepherd, the county's roads engineer and administra-

tive officer, doesn't mind the delay because "it's a nasty road (to maintain in the winter). A lot of it's in the shade so the snow and ice doesn't melt and there are a lot of curves."

Shepherd says the county has adopted maintenance standards similar to those kept by the MTO for the former highways, thanks to the co-operation of roads staff. "The guys have been quite accommodating," he says of reaction to the new schedul-

ing for the former highways, which are more travelled than regular county roads.

Instead of having one day shift, as the department does for other county roads, it's introduced one shift from 4 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and another shift from 12:30 to 9 p.m.. It also has an eight-hour shift for week-ends, but the staff will work over-time if need be. This is the first time the county has had a

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4,000 sq ft, 4-bedroom cottage or home. Very private with 462 ft water frontage on small lake with great bass fishing. Surrounded by 67 acres of lovely hardwood bush to roam. Only 4 owners on the lake. Impressive design and finishings. Oak flooring throughout. Grand cook's kitchen with granite countertops and large island. Main fir master has large closets and 5 piece ensuite. LR with cathedral ceilings & granite fireplace. Fully finished lower level with walk out to lake. Triple garage. See it soon!



<p><b>FANTASTIC INCOME PROPERTY</b></p>  <p>Located between Haliburton &amp; Minden Refreshed, upgraded, well maintained, solid rental history, landscaped. Desirable location at the junction of Soyers &amp; Kash Lakes. Dock the boat at the Marina &amp; enjoy fishing &amp; boating the 5 lake chain. Largest unit has 3 BR, so live there quite comfortably and collect rent from the rest of the units!</p> <p><b>\$388,000</b></p>	<p><b>PAUDASH LAKE PERFECT</b></p>  <p>Perfect year-round, turn key family cottage or home. Large lake, private 4 BR, 2 Bath sits at water's edge. Hard sand beach, use of 30 Acre forest across the road. Sunroom, southern view, great rentability, many upgrades &amp; meticulously cared for.</p> <p><b>\$649,000</b></p>	<p><b>CARNARVON HOME</b></p>  <p>Enjoy waterfront living on peaceful Mirror Lake. 3BR 4PC bath home with full basement &amp; walkout to the lakeside. FAO Heat, stone woodburning fireplace and a lower level woodstove keep it toasty warm. Sunroom, 2 decks, pretty &amp; convenient location.</p> <p><b>\$289,000</b></p>	<p><b>EAGLE LAKE</b></p>  <p>Traditional winterized 3 BR cottage with walkout lower level &amp; a cute bunkie! Spectacular view from inside and outside. Beautiful waterfront &amp; and dock to enjoy. Close to village conveniences &amp; Sir Sams skiing.</p> <p><b>\$445,000</b></p>
<p><b>GULL RIVER HOME</b></p>  <p>Spacious modern home with full finished lower level. Wraparound deck, terraced landscaped lot to pretty riverfront with dock and access to 3 lake chain.</p> <p><b>\$429,900</b></p>	<p><b>KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE</b></p>  <p><b>SOLD</b></p> <p>Step across the road to your dock on Kash Lake from this brick &amp; wood home. Over 7 acres, lake view from covered deck, dbl att garage &amp; full basement.</p> <p><b>\$425,000</b></p>	<p><b>GRASS LAKE, HALIBURTON COTTAGE</b></p>  <p>Village Convenience-Country Charm! Cozy turnkey 2BR cottage plus cute log-look Bunkie! Open concept, pine finish, woodstove. Beautiful west exposure &amp; view. Steps to waterfront, sitting deck and dock. Lake water &amp; septic.</p> <p><b>\$459,900</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b></p> <p>Twist Lane, 1/2 Ac Lot .....\$25,000 North Shore Rd Lot, 2.8 Ac.....\$49,000 Wigamog Road, 1 Acre.....\$49,900 Cty Rd 21, 44 Acres.....\$375,000</p>

Our Team is very thankful for the wonderful turn out we had at our FREE Family Christmas Photo Shoot on Sunday November 25th. A huge thank you to everyone at the Haliburton Legion for allowing us to run our free photo shoot during their delicious \$6.00 breakfast, Caitlin Dunlop Photography for your amazing work and patience, Luke Schell @ Perfect Prints for printing the beautiful family photos and most important to all the families who were able to attend and take advantage of the perfect Christmas gift. Each year we wish to support another small business within our community, Last year Tim Tofflemire provided us with his outstanding photography skill, helping our team start off this great charity event.

*Merry Christmas From*  
*Linda Baumgartner & The Haliburton Real Estate Team*